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HAVE YOUR SITTINGS AT ONCE WITH MR, Keeler, as he will be here only another week; engagements made by mail or 'phone. 918 H st. n.w. 11t MR. E. MILLON, PSYCHIC, 914 NEW YORK ave. n.w.—Automatic reading on all subjects. Independent writing obtained on paper or slates. my13-44t*

FAIR WEATHER INDICATED.

Warmer Tomorrow; Light Winds, Becoming Variable. Forecast for Sunday and Monday: District

of Columbia and Maryland, fair Sunday; Monday, fair, warmer. Light northerly winds becoming variable. Virginia, fair Sunday. Monday, fair,

warmer, in the interior; light to fresh north winds becoming variable.

Weather conditions and general forecast The winds along the New England and middle Atlantic coast will be light and variable. On the south Atlantic coast, fresh to north becoming variable. On the gulf coast, light to fresh southerly. On the lower lakes, light and variable, and on the upper lakes, light to fresh south except easterly on Lake Superior, becoming fresh northerly Monday. There have been showers in the middle

south Atlantic and gulf states, the Ohio valley, the northwest and the north districts west of the Rocky mountains; elsewhere the weather was generally fair. Temperatures have fallen in the middle Atlantic states, and have generally risen in the central valleys, the lake region and the

middle slope.

There will be showers Sunday in the south Atlantic states, central Rocky moun-tain region, the northwest and the north districts west of the Rocky mountains, continuing Monday in the latter district and in Montana. It will be cooler Sunday in the south Atlantic states, central Rocky mountain region and the west portion of the middle slope. In the east and northeast temperatures will remain moderate Sunday and Monday.

Tide Table.

Today-Low tide, 8:54 a.m. and 9:06 p.m.; high tide, 2:10 a.m. and 2:26 p.m. Tomorrow-Low tide, 9:45 a.m. and 9:55 p.m.; high tide, 2:58 a.m. and 3:17 p.m. The Sun and Moon.

Today-Sun rose, 4:35 a.m.; sun sets, 7:29

p.m. Tomorrow-Sun rises, 4:36 a.m. Moon rises, 12:52 a.m. tomorrow.

The City Lights. The city lights and naphtha lamps all lighted by thirty minutes after sunset; ex-

tinguishing begun one hour before sunrise All are and incandescent lamps lighted fifteen minutes after sunset and extinguished forty-five minutes before sunrise.

Up-River Waters. Special Dispatch to The Star.

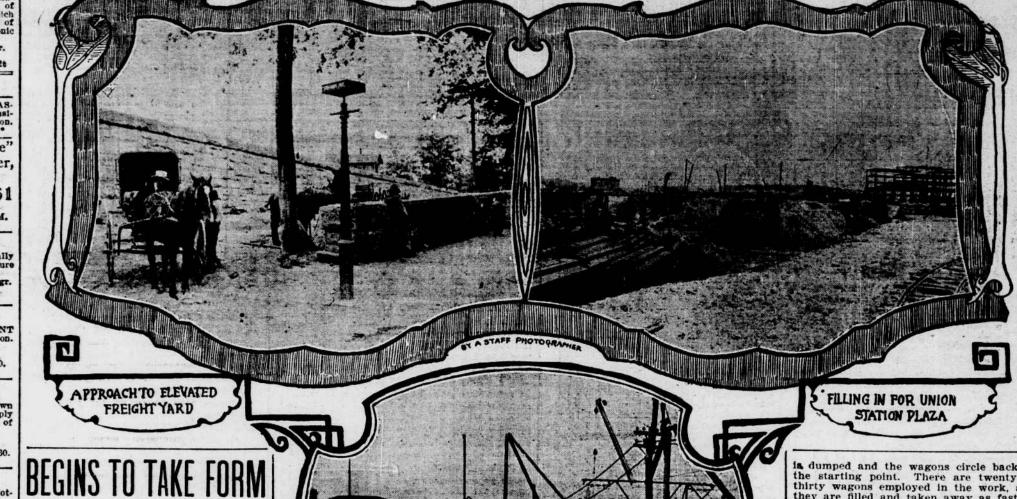
HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., June 24 .-Both rivers are muddy here today.

BY LARGE MAJORITY

Joseph Reilly Re-Elected Business Agent of Carpenters and Joiners.

At a special meeting of the local advisory board of the United Brotherhood of States held last night, to receive the refurns of the election which had been pend-ing during the past week among the respective local bodies, it was ascertained that Joseph Reilly had been re-elected business agent for the ensuing term by an overwhelming majority over his competitors, E. L. Lomax and Thomas G. Iglehart. The question of consolidating all of the local carpenters' unions into one local was also considered at this meeting, and the question will be referred to a referendum

PROGRESS OF WORK ON UNION STATION.



WORK ON SUBWAY

Union Station Work Gives Evidence of Progress.

SCENE AT THE PLAZA

BUSY MEN EMPLOYED ON THE SEPARATE SECTIONS.

Transformation of a Wide Area-Planning for Structure of Importance to Washington.

In one of the musical comedies that succeeded last season there was a popular song which had for its theme the line: "Ain't it funny what a difference just a

few hours make?" With the substitution of "days" for 'hours' that refrain would make a good every hour, almost every minute, brings with it a change in the topography of the vast stretch of territory the union station operations cover. To keep up with the progress of the work demands a concentration of the property of the work demands a concentration of the job have gangs of workmen started on the job have gangs of w progress of the work demands a concentration of time and attention that must not relax. No one individual can keep himself relax. No one individual can keep himself piece of earth here and there, dilly-dallying perfectly informed as to all the work that along, giving promise of a completed staof it each twenty-four hours, and it is a only.

People are beginning to see now. The station site.

The workmen who started in at the pulling, hauling, building and tearing down a totally independent tasks which apparently had no relation to each other. One great gang went to work in the southwest section; another proceeded to dig and haul in the extreme northeast; another began building tall structures of concrete just south of the Capitol, and still another commenced hauling earth and filling in low n the ground aparently for a sewer pipe, while another, in another part of the city, proceeded to build with brick and mortar an extension on a sewer pipe, which they capped with a manhole after it had risen thirty feet in the air and informed astonobservers that the top of the shaft would be the level of a future street.

Puzzle to the Layman.

So stupendous were the changes that were to be wrought and so widely scat- gait. The grade of the street is being low-

MUSICALE AND SMOKER. HAD MUCH TO RELATE

STRANGER WANTED SANITARY OFFICER TO HOLD NIGHT SESSION.

John A. Beck, twenty-eight years old, resident of Greenwood, a suburb of Altoona, Pa., reached this city yesterday afternoon and called at police headquarters to get assistance.

"I'm in a peck of trouble," he said when he reached headquarters, but the officials who heard his story thought he meant to measure his troubles by the car load.

He had conversed with Capt. Boardman but a few minutes before the police official reached the conclusion that Sanitary Officer Frank was the man to deal with him. Beck was conducted to the second floor and in troduced to the sanitary officer. He assured the latter that the pleasure was all his and proceeded to tell of his numerous troubles after a loaded revolver and nearly \$200 had been taken from him.

In the first place the visitor complained that a nail had been driven into his back, and he had come here for the purpose of getting detectives to use the X-ray on him to find it. His story was that members of fraternal organizations had knocked him down and driven the nail into his anatomy. Why they had done so he could not tell and he was anxious to have the detectives solve the problem for him. The same men, he claimed, had thrown him into Blair furnace, near his home, and burned him. complaint he had to make was that his name was being freely used in connection with the "Junietta camal" and without his getting any benefits from its use. For this reason he stated that he wanted the canal

His Friends Notified.

Sanltary Officer Frank promised to do everything he wanted, but could listen to no more of the stranger's troubles. The latter had more to tell but said it would take him too long to relate them unless the official would grant him an "all night session." This the official could not do, and Beck was sent to the first precinct police station and made comfortable. He said he had the loaded revolver to protect himself against the members of the fraternal organizations who had misused him, but declared that he would harm nobody who did not harm him, ing Beck, superintendent of the Pennsylvavisory board of the United Brotherhood of nia railroad shops at Greenwood, telling Carpenters and Joiners of the United him of his son's arrest and asking what he wanted done. It is likely that the father will come here and take him home.

Pushcart Men Under Charges. Policemen Lile, Smith and Bobo of the

first precinct made a raid on a number of Greek pushcart merchants who were doing business in the vicinity of 7th and K streets northwest yesterday afternoon, six of the merchants being arrested and charged with obstructing the streets. They gave their The special meeting was held in the Hutchins building, 10th and D streets, and was largely attended, not only by the representatives, but by all the officers of the local bodies.

names as James Menudukes, Sperio Hokus, George Mitkria, Pietro Mann, George Chacolates and Andrian Playakes. Each defendant left \$5 collateral for his appearance in the Police Court tomorrow.

were operating under and just how they expected to accomplish what they had set out to do. The average citizen, when he considers the digging of foundations for a house, always thinks of beginning at one one for people whose business takes them occasionally to the vicinity of the new union station site. Every week, every day, is being done without visiting every part tion for the benefit of the next generation

beginning to tell. All parts of the work are shaping themselves into something like concrete form. The immense waste of year or so ago all seemed to be working at stone and earth and retaining walls that seemed to mar the landscape, and—called "the plaza"—is beginning to look like something more than a simple picture of concrete columns and mud. The most notice-able and quickest of the changes that have been and are being made is to be observed in the process of the depression of H street northeast between 1st and 3d streets. Some people have facetiously referred to it menced hauling earth and filling in low places. Each gang seemed to be doing something that had the opposite effect of as the "suppression" of H street.

The whole character of the thoroughfare has been changed. It will be completely covered by the approaches to the station building when it is completed, and the work

> being carried forward that it will not be long before the street will be entirely out of sight. Rapid Progress Made.

of building these approaches is so rapidly

Within the past few weeks this section of the work has taken on a very rapid

Function Under Auspices of the Com-

mercial League.

The Commercial League gave a musicale

and smoker last evening at 9 o'clock at the

readquarters of the league at 1347 Penn-

sylvania avenue northwest, which was at-

tended by a large crowd. Mr. Charles E.

Watson was the master of ceremonies and

deserves credit for the excellent program

which he provided for the entertainment of

the guests of the evening. The hit of the evening was the singing of Billy Thornton,

who opened the program with a barytone solo, "An Old Sweetheart of Mine," and

which was followed by several songs of the

sunny south, which seemed to please those

The others who contributed to the enter-

tainment were Mr. Lucien F. Conen, solo violinist, late of the Theodore Thomas or-

chestra of Chicago; Mr. Walter Humphrey, basso; the Neapolitan Mandolin Quartet,

consisting of Messrs, Todd, Hunt, Galleher

and Yundt; Mr. Harry Hanlein, character

artist; Mr. Albert Griffith, whistling and imitations; the Birenomore Male Quartet,

which is composed of Messrs. Birch, Stev-

ens, Hicks and Moore; Mr. Arthur Middle

Mr. Edwin S. Gee: Mr. Finley Hayes, reci-tations; Mr. William S. Scholz, violinist;

Mr. E. F. Ayres, songs and imitations, and Mr. Edward Finley, recitations. During

the intervals between the numbers on the

program music was furnished by the Ital-

OPERA HOUSE BURNED.

Fire at Redbank, N. J., From Defective

Wiring.

REDBANK, N. J., June 24.-The Redbank

Opera House was destroyed today by fire

originating from a defectively insulated

wire. A boy named Connors, employed as

watchman, who discovered the fire and

returned to the building after giving the

Ten firemen were injured when the walls

collapsed. The Boston Ideal Opera Com-

pany, which began an engagement here last

night, lost all its costumes, scenery and properties, valued at \$10,000. The loss on

Sudden Death at Cumberland.

CUMBERLAND, Md., June 24.-Dominick

Gallagher, aged fifty-eight years, a retired

saloon and restaurant keeper, died suddenly

today at his home here. He was a native

of Donegal, Ireland, and came to America

when a young man, spending his early

manhood traveling and dealing in notions in southern Pennsylvania. A widow and

Kappa Alpha Biennial at Asheville.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., June 24.-Three hun-

dred members of the Kappa Alpha college

fraternity will open its biennial convention

here Tuesday. The following general offi-cers will be in attendance: Ed Chambers Smith of Raleigh, N. C.; Tazewell T. Hub-bard of Norfolk, Va., G. H.; Frank H. Mc-Connell of Talladega, Ala., G. P.; Hardin T.

alarm, is believed to have perished

the opera house is about \$25,000.

ecial Dispatch to The Star.

one child survive.

basso, accompanied on the plane by

in attendance immensely.

the work, that it was a puzzle to the lay- and the old underground electric car tracks, man to find just what sort of a system they which, by the way, now tower some ten or fifteen feet above the cinder path laid for pedestrians along the new level, are being removed in sections of from ten to twenty feet in length, at a single swoop. The contractors who laid the road originally seemed to have known their business thoroughly. They so imbedded the tracks and conduit arches in concrete that they have become absolutely inseparable and must all be broken out together. Three gangs of men are busy at the task of tearing up these tracks and removing the old con-duit. One set of men is at each end and one working in the middle.

For a distance of half a block or more the tracks have all been removed and the grade leveled from one retaining wall to another. between Delaware avenue and 2d street and half way to 1st street the laborers are still at their tasks. At 3d street, where the down grade to the viaduct will begin, the laborers have managed to tear up ten or fitteen feet of the track, and were busy yesterday getting out huge chunks crete conduit with screw jacks and like apparatus. The men who are building the station have not waited for the others to get the tracks out of the way, but are digging out the street on each side. The north side was excavated some time ago in order that the temporary tracks of the H street electric road might be laid there and a temporary sidewalk constructed.

Tracks for Electric Cars.

The electric cars are being sent through the viaduct by means of the trolley, and the temporary sidewalk is a wide cinder path. The south side of the street is being excavated with a steam shovel of the largest size. The shovel is working its way east from 2d street, half a block between 1st street and Delaware avenue, having been excavated at the time. A line of patent dump wagons is run up on the new street level opposite the shovel, and the wagons are pulled to 2d street by means of a steel cable and a dummy engine. Once on were to be wrought and so widely scat-gait. The grade of the street is being low-tered were the gangs of men engaged in ered at the rate of several feet per day, wagons to the plaza site, where the earth

THEFT OF STAMPS CHARGED.

Millard Bragg Alleged to Have Pil-

fered From Railway Company.

Suspicion was the charge upon which

Millard Bragg of Warrenton, Va., was ar-

rested late yesterday afternoon by Police-

man Dierkoph of the first precinct. While

there was no definite offense charged

against the young man, it is alleged that

he stole stamps from the offices of the

Southern Railway Company, where he was

employed as clerk in the freight claims

branch of the service. It was known that

the thefts had been going on for some

time and that about \$100 worth of stamps

had been taken. Suspicion did not rest

upon Bragg until after he was taken into

custody yesterday. He was picked up by

the policeman, who found him trying to

dispose of a sheet of postage stamps. At

the station he admitted that he had par-

ticipated in a transaction involving the sale

of 100 2-cent stamps for \$1 two days ago.

that if I had not been put up to it."

"That was my first offense," he said, after

being locked up, "and I wouldn't have done

Bragg was employed by the railway com-

cember. At that time he resigned and left

the company's employ. He returned only

about a month ago, and, as already stated, says he yielded to temptation and engaged

in his first alleged dishonest transaction. He denies that he was implicated in the

tectives Hartigan and Baur were detailed

upon the case by Capt. Boardman, and ad-

LONG FLIGHT TEST.

St. Louis.

Good Roads Convention at Portland.

theft of the \$100 worth of stamps.

ditional arrests are expected.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

right wing.

pany for several months prior to last De

The work is done in a sort of endless chain system that never seems to break and results in the old grade giving way foot by foot. The retaining walls of the viaduct have practically been completed, and it only remains to complete the grade and cover it over. As stated, much more than half of the work of grading has been done.

Building Taking Shape. The steel framework of the station itself

is beginning to look more like a building than it did a month ago. The riggers and than it did a month ago. The riggers and ironworkers are hoisting and fitting the great steel beams and columns all day, and every day, and the skeleton of the building is rapidly being assembled into something like the form it will have when the structure is complete. The thousand the form it will have when the structure is complete. The thousand the form it will have when the structure is complete. The thousand the form it will have when the structure is complete. The thousand the form it will have when the structure is complete. The thousand the form it will have when the structure is complete. The thousand the form it will have when the structure is complete. The thousand the form it will have when the structure is complete. The thousand the form it will have when the structure is complete. The thousand the form it will have when the structure is complete. The thousand the structure is complete. The structure is complete. The form is the structure is complete. The structure is complete in the structure is complete in the structure is complete in the structure is complete. The structure is complete in the structure is complete. The structure is complete in the structure is complete in the structure is complete. The structure is complete in the structure is co the structure is complete. The thousand odd pieces of metal that are used in the construction of a building of this character are as carefully and accurately measured and fitted as are the works of a watch.

Building, it is conceded, has become much more of a science than it once was, and the highest form of the science can be seen in practical demonstration at the union station building. In the old days a load or two of lumber of one size was dumped on the site of the new building and carpenters cut and fitted the beams. With steel construction the engineer who plans the building must plan the size and character of every beam and every girder. He must know the location of every plate and the number and size of every bolt that is to nold them together.

These measurements are sent to the foundry where the beams and girders are wrought and the building is actually built in the foundry from the drawings of the engineers and architects. It is then shipped to the site it is to permanently occupy, with each piece of metal that is to go into its construction numbered and marke men who put it together take each piece as it comes and put it in the place it is to The pieces are not interchangeoccupy. able, and each has but one place in which to rest and are put in that place.

Easy Work for Skilled Men.

The assembling of the steel framework would be a Chinese puzzle to any but the nimble men who work the derricks and climb to the tops of the columns. To them it is easy, because every piece they handle is numbered and can only fit into a piece with a given number, and they only a supply large enough to complete one secon hand at a time.

Just how soon the union station will be ready for use none of those in authority can foretell. The great tunnel beneath Capitol Hill is almost completed; the plaza is beginning to look like a plaza, and the northern approaches only await the completion of the H street viaduct to begin the finishing touches. Altogether the work is in a most satisfactory condition, both from the standpoint of the contractor who is going it and the citizen who wants to see

GUARD AGAINST LOSS

POLICE AND FIREMEN PREPAR-ING FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Arrangements are being made by the police and fire departments to enforce an observance of the laws on the Fourth of July and every effort will be made to proteet life and property. Arrests will be made in cases where they have reason to believe that damage may be done. Applications for permits to sell and store explosives are being received in every mail, and the fire marshal has already issued more than two hundred permits. This is about one-half the number issued last year. Under the terms of the permits the dealers are allowed to store and sell fireworks with the understanding that they accept the terms of the provision of law, which reads: "Provided, the same are not exposed or stored in show windows, doorways, closets, stairways, cellars or where matches, lamps, candles, gasoline or other inflammables are kept or used, and provided the storage of dynamite or other dangerous bombs, cannons, toy cannons, toy pistols, canes for exploding other than paper caps, and firecrackers of any manufacture exceeding three and one-half inches in length or making the report or noise of what is generally known as the giant or cannon cracker is prohibited, and provided further that no sales are made to any child or children under the age of sixteen years.'

Chief Belt's Plans. Chief Belt will follow his usual custom

Homing Pigeons Off for Boston From of having every member of the department on duty during the night of the 3d and the entire day of the 4th. Firemen will be stationed at points in the business section of ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 24.-Six homing the city to turn in alarms and get assistpigeons, bearing typewritten messages on ance in a hurry in event of a fire starting tissue paper in aluminum capsules, were Usually many persons begin the celebration a day or two in advance of the 4th, and in such cases the police will be directed to make arrests. With the elimination of the released here carrying greetings to the mayor of Boston. The first of the seven relay points is Louisville, tara Cincinnati. then Pittsburg, Washington New York. cannon crackers and other loud explosives the police think the noise will not be so great this year as usual. Many applica-Pawtucket and finally Boston. Only day flights will be made. The test is one of tions for permits to sell and store fire the longest ever planned in America, Unless thunder storms are encountered an shal because of the use of kerosine or gaso line in the building in which the applicants want to dispose of the explosives. Under average speed is expected of forty miles an hour, and they will not stop unless shot the terms of the permits, as stated, the display of fireworks in windows is to be or exhausted. Each bird carries an aluminum band fastened on the right foot and prohibited this year, and other precautions will have to be taken which will reduce the the address of the owner is printed on the danger to a minimum J. Parkinson of St. Louis released the birds here, consigned to S. J. Schreick, Louisville, Ky. The test is the outgrowth of world's fair competition.

BIG DAM COMPLETED.

Constructed by Massachusetts at a Cost of \$1,603,635.

CLINTON, Mass., June 24.-The Wachu-PORTLAND, Oreg., June 24.-The good sett dam, constructed by the commonwealth roads convention assumed a more normal at a cost of \$1,603,635, to hold 65,000,000,000 condition today when Acting Chairman gallons of water in a reservoir which will Scott rapped for order. Apparently the supply Boston and adjacent cities and tumultuous scenes of yesterday afternoon towns, was completed today.

OUTING OF KNIGHTS GAS AND PUBLIC SPIRIT

COLUMBIA COMMANDERY GOING A COMPARISON WITH THE SITUA-TO RIVER VIEW.

Arrangements Being Made for Jolly

Good Time July 18-The Committees.

Arrangements are being completed by the members of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, for their annual outing at River View, which is to occur this year July 18. A program of pleasures and pastimes is being made up, which, it is believed, will satisfy the most exacting. There will be athletic contests of various kinds and a watermelon eating contest for the purpose of causing hilarity. During the evening there will be an elaborate display of fireworks. It has been decided that throughout the entire day and evening there will be music for dancing.

One of the most interesting features of the day's outing will be the game of base ball between Orient and Columbia Commanderies. These two organizations have met only once before, Orient being the vic-

Those in charge of the arrangements are Executive committee—E. Sir David H. Fenton, commander; Sir George E. Hebbard, chairman; Sir Dr. Frank E. Gibson, vice chairman; Sir Charles P. Swett, Sir Charles Long, Sir Samuel W. Stinemetz. Sir Jackson F. Blair, Sir Edgar A. Nelson, ir. Reception committee-E. Sir David H

is dumped and the wagons circle back to the starting point. There are twenty or thirty wagons employed in the work, and they are filled and taken away as fast as the steel cable that puns them up the grade can be detached from the tongue of one wagon and hauled back and attached to the tongue of another.

The work is done in a sort of endless

Reception committee—E. Sir David H. Fenton, chairman; E. Sir J. Harry Cunningham, vice chairman; E. Sir F. H. Thomas, E. Sir J. H. Small, Jr., E. Sir B. A. Alien, Sir E. C. Elmore, E. Sir W. B. Pettus, E. Sir H. F. Riley, E. Sir J. Harrower, E. Sir Geo. Gibson, the committee—E. Sir David H. Fenton, chairman; E. Sir J. Harry Cunningham, vice chairman; E. Sir J. H. Thomas, E. Sir J. H. Thomas, E. Sir J. H. Small, Jr., E. Sir B. A. Alien, Sir E. Sir J. H. Small, Jr., E. Sir B. A. Alien, Sir E. Sir J. H. Small, Jr., E. Sir B. A. Alien, Sir E. Sir J. H. Small, Jr., E. Sir B. A. Alien, Sir E. Sir J. H. Small, Jr., E. Sir B. A. Alien, Sir E. Sir J. H. Small, Jr., E. Sir B. A. Alien, Sir E. Sir J. H. Small, Jr., E. Sir B. A. Alien, Sir E. C. Elmore, E. Sir J. Harrower, E. Sir J. H. Thomas, E. Sir J. H. Small, Jr., E. Sir J. Harrower, E. Sir J. H. Small, Jr., E. Sir J. Harrower, E. Sir W. Scott Schley.

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THAT DISTRICT COAL CONTRACT. A Statement by Mr. V. Baldwin John-

As the property clerk to the Commissioners has exercised the very proper prerogative (when intelligently, justifiedly and judiciously done), reserved by the Commissioners sioners 'n awarding contracts, of rejecting all bids when deemed to the advantage of the District to take that course, justice to the bidders demands (in that their business integrity is impliedly reflected upon) that the interested public, the taxpayers in par ticular, should know the data upon which this course has been justified by the officer acting on behalf of the government. Now, as I was the lowest bidder for the great bulk of the anthracite coal asked for, and, therefore, the most interested, I ask you to publish the following statement, sworn to by me, and I would then be glad if the property clerk would be equally ingenuous in a presentation of the government's side

of the matter.
Following is an estimate of cost of handling the anthracite coal for the District

government from July 1, 1904, to June 19, Total shipped for District account, 16,361 tons; rejected by inspectors, 2,829 tons; accepted by inspectors, 13,532 tons; estimated loss from cost of repicking rejected coal, or selling same at a reduction. 50 cents per ton, \$1,414.50; cost of dumping cars, 1½ cents per ton, on 13,532 tons, \$202.98; shortage on cars and waste from forking and screening coal, 13 cents per ton on 13,532 tons, \$1,759.16; proportion of cost of wheelwrighting and horseshoeing chargeable to District contract (one-half of \$1,547.33), \$773.66; proportion of cost of rental of rail-road trestles and clerical help chargeable to District contract, \$1,500; interest on money in stock of coal necessary to carry for District use to protect District against uncertainties and irregularities of shipments (4,000 tons), \$1,200; proportion of cost of horses killed in effort to keep schools and fire department supplied during bid hauling, three-fifths of ten horses at \$150. \$900; total estimated cost on all anthracite as per items enumerated above, \$7,750.30 total cost per ton on anthracite (13,532 tons), .57 2-10. In the foregoing estimate there has been

no apportionment of charges whatever against the District of bonding costs, telehone service and many other incidentals The above estimate appears to be the necessary costs of handling the anthracite coal for the District government, exclusive of the cost of hauling same, which latter I have purposely omitted. In other words, in order satisfactorily to handle the anthracite coal for the District government, a con-tractor must undergo an expense of 57 2-10 cents per ton before he sticks a shovel into the coal for the purpose of hauling ind delivering the same. and delivering the same.

The lowest figure for hauling this coal, exclusive of the cost of storing, which I

can get from any large and responsible teaming firm (like that of Littlefield, Alvord & Co., for instance), is one (\$1) dollar per V. BALDWIN JOHNSON.

District of Columbia, City of Washington, ss.:

Personally appeared before me, this 20th day of June, 1905, the above V. Baldwin Johnson, to me personally known, and signed the foregoing estimate, and declared under oath that the same was true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

C. A NEALE

C. A. NEALE, Notary Public. (Copy) Very truly yours, V. BALDWIN JOHNSON. June 24.

New Financial Enterprise. Another enterprise has been inaugurated

in the local financial fields, as indicated in the announcement of the Citizens' Loan and Trust Company, with offices in the Commercial National Bank building, at 14th bard of Norfolk, Va., G. H.; Frank H. Mc-Connell of Talladega, Ala., G. P.; Hardin T. Burnley of Richmond, Va., editor of Journal; Ben L. Crew of Atlanta, Ga., chief alumnus, and R. Douglas F. Feagan of Malumnus, and R. Do

TION IN PHILADELPHIA.

To the Editor of The Star:

In common with its esteemed contemporaries here and the country over, The Star has editorially commented upon the various phases of the popular uprising in Philadelphia against the "gas ring" and its affiliated public utility monopolies, commending the present attitude of the people and unsparingly condemning their former torpid and indifferent condition and submission to

the exactions of the gas and other rings.

One of The Star editorials referred to the

humiliating spectacle afforded by the inability of Mayor Weaver and the citizens reform committee to secure a Philadelphia lawyer of the first rank to take the case of the people against the gas company, on which account they were obliged to go to New York and get Elihu Root. The Star even did an unusual thing in printing the names of six or seven of these reputable Philadelphia lawyers who, when appealed to to take the case of the people, said in effect: "I pray thee, have me excused." They were all shackled by their gas company and trust interests. The Star also printed the statement of the chairman of the reform committee that "what was true of the lawyers named was true of thousands of Philadelphia's reputable business and profession-al men." Their mouths were closed by their various entanglements with the municipal utility corporations.

The Star properly characterized this remarkable state of affairs.

Now, one is led to wonder how it is that The Star, and its Washington contemporaries, can see so clearly and denounce so vigorously the absence of a proper public circle with the star and can-

so vigorously the absence of a proper pub-lic spirit in another community, and can-not and will not see the practically similar conditions existing right here.

Wherein are we so much better off in re-spect to the price we pay for gas and elec-tric light than they in Philadelphia? They pay \$1 per thousand cubic feet. We on the east of Rock Creek pay the same, and on the west \$1.25. And Philadelphia's gas company, offered what looks to us reasonable terms for an extension of the lease. Its offer was to advance \$25,000,000 without in offer was to advance \$25,000,000 without interest, to furnish free gas for all street lighting and for the public parks, buildings, etc.; to expend a million dollars a year for extensions, etc., and to gradually reduce the price to 80 cents. In fact, the company claimed that had its offer been accepted the city would have netted, in the period of the lease, the sum of \$437,281,-227.48.

If that claim was approximately true, the company's offer looks pretty good to a

company's offer looks pretty good to a Washington man. In any event, it doesn't lic in our mouths to censure the people of Philadelphia for their submission to the exactions of the gas gang and other public utility corporations.

We here act as though we had reached the summit of municipal felicity in the matter of cheap gas. So far as appears from the attitude of our newspapers, our board of Commissioners, our citizens' asso-ciations. Board of Trade and business men and citizens generally, nothing further than dollar gas is to be desired. We all know, of course, or ought to know, because it can-not be disputed, that \$1 per thousand feet not be disputed, that \$1 per thousand feet is at least 25 per cent extortionate. We know that a few years ago we were offered 75-cent gas and we know that the proposition was made in good faith, and that we could have 75-cent gas today if the people of the District were not, as so recently were the people of Philadelphia, in a comatose state. We know that 75 cents is a generous price, which would permit reasonable dividends on the stock of the gas company. To be sure it would not allow of the 100 per cent extra dividends every now and then that \$1.00 gas allows. It would be just to the company, however, and would induce the use of several times the present product for heating pur-

by such testimony as that given in the investigation in New York, where it was proven that one company delivers gas in the mains of another company at 35 cents per thousand, and is satisfied with the

We also know it from the statistics of the profits of 256 municipal-owned plants in Great Britain, and from their producing gas at prices ranging from 28 to 60 cents

But, what's the use, when there is no public sentiment here in favor of cheaper gas and electric light? The Senate and House District committees bank upon this condition, as was illustrated in the last Congress, when Chalrman Babcock worked manfully to pass a bill allowing the gas company to water its stock from less than four to nearly fourteen millions. Had this bill passed it would have prevented any future reduction in the price of gas, in case, by some miracle, our people should ever wake up and set about the reduction. The bill was defeated, but not from any alertness of our people or of the board of Commissioners. It was defeated through the efforts of a few friends of President Roosevelt in the House, and because of the position taken by him in his first message

The bill was sent by the House District committee to our District Commissioners for report. They reported, entirely ignoring the stock-watering feature. I have yet to know that their action in this regard has ever been reprobated by one of their "con-stituents." What shall be said of a citi-zenship which would remain dormant while such a bill was being championed by the chairman of the House District committee? (I do not mention the balt offered by the company—the reduction of 25 cents to Georgetown consumers. It was too palpably a bait.)

against the overcapitalization of gas, elec-

It is not only in gas and electric light prices that our people have proved them-selves deficient in a proper public spirit. They could have prevented some street railroad stock watering. They could take note of the present inadequate annual rental paid by the Central Market Company for the large block of ground they occupy. The ground was granted originally a third of a century ago, for the sum of \$25,000 a year. Before the end of the first year the owners of the stock got the rent reduced to \$7,500 a year, which is an absurdly insufficient amount for the ground in that locality. The difference between the price they offered to get their bill through and the price they have paid would, in the years that have passed, amount to more than half a million dollars. It would come near build-ing the much-needed auditorium. This amount has been lost because no one "took notice," and the average Washington business man will not do or say anything an-tagnistic to the interests of a fellow-business man, especially when "vested interests" are concerned.

It seems to the undersigned that if we here would submit ourselves to a process of introspection we would begin to realize that the millenium has not yet arrived in District municipal matters, and that we are not justified in saying to our Phila-delphia brothers, "We are holier than W. J. MORRIS

New Pastor for Local Church.

Rev. G. M. Cummings of Ida Grove, Sioux City presbytery, Iowa, has been dismissed by that body, according to reports received in this city, in order that he may become pastor of the Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church of Washington New Wheat Makes Its Appearance.

Wheat of the crop of 1905 has begun to

come up from the counties along the Potomac, the first shipment having been brought from Westmoreland county. Va., on the steamer Harry Randall on her last trip. The consignment was a small one, of about thirty bushels, and was shipped to Alexan-dria. No new Potomac wheat has been dria. brought to Washington. The lot sent to Alexandria was purchased by a mill there, and, it is stated, over a dollar per bushel was paid for it.

Dispatch Boat Dolphin in Port. The United States naval dispatch boat Dolphin, which has been absent from the navy yard on a trip for several weeks, came up the river yesterday afternoon, and shortly before 4 o'clock swung from the river into the Anacostia river channel and under her own steam went up to the navy yard.

Professor of Theology Dead.